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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN ACCESS TO THE SEA

1. ON DECEMBER 21, BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT BANZER ANNOUNCED THAT CHILE'S OFFER TO BOLIVIA OF ACCESS TO THE SEA THROUGH A CORRIDOR IN FORMER PERUVIAN TERRITORY, LOST TO CHILE IN THE WAR OF THE PACIFIC, WAS ACCEPTABLE.

2. CHILE AND BOLIVIA NOW AWAIT THE DEFINITIVE PERUVIAN REACTION. IF POSTS ARE CALLED UPON TO STATE THE USG VIEW YOUR REPLY SHOULD BE THAT WHILE WE ARE TAKING NO DIRECT POSITION IN THE MATTER, WE ARE MOST PLEASED TO SEE A
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DEVELOPMENT WHICH MAY LEAD TO THE RESOLUTION OF AN ISSUE

THAT HAS LONG VEXED SOUTH AMERICAN POLITICS.

3. NONE OF THE CONTRIES HAS SOUGHT OUR DIRECT INTERCESSION ALTHOUGH BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR CAPRILES, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PRESIDENT BANZER, APPROACHED ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS ASKING FOR OUR SYMPATHY AND MORAL SUPPORT. HE DID MENTION BOLIVIA'S INTEREST, IF PERU SHOULD AGREE TO THE CORRIDOR CONCEPT, IN OBTAINING U.S. SUPPORT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AREA, AND ALSO SAID THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE PARTIES MAY SEEK U.S. GUARANTEES OF THE NEW BORDERS AS FINALLY ESTABLISHED IF THE NEGOTIATIONS PROSPER.

4. WHILE THESE NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED, WE ARE TAKING THE POSITION THAT THE MATTER IS FOR THE THREE COUNTRIES TO RESOLVE AND WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS BEGINNING. IF AT SOME POINT IN THE FUTURE THE THREE COUNTRIES COME TO AGREE BY THEIR OWN DEVICES, THEN WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THEIR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE ON THE DEVELOPMENT PLANE. KISSINGER

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